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| 2944   | 3/22/49 | Washington Field Office report to Bureau        | 10        | Yes            |                         |
| 2945   | 3/21/49 | Boston Report to Bureau                         | 17        | Yes            |                         |
| 2946   | 3/22/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau        | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 2947   | 3/22/49 | New York Memo of SA McAndrews                   | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 2948   | 3/23/49 | New York Memo of SA McAndrews                   | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 2949   | 3/23/49 | New York Memo of SA Shannon                     | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 2950   | 3/23/49 | Baltimore teletype to Bureau                    | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 2951   | 3/23/49 | Washington Field Office teletype to San Antonio | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2952   | 3/22/49 | Chicago letter to Bureau                        | 9         | Yes            |                         |
| 2953   | 3/23/49 | New York letter to Bureau                       | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2954   | 3/23/49 | New York letter to Bureau                       | 1         | Yes            |                         |
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| 2955   | 3/23/49 | New York letter to Bureau                    | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2956   | 3/23/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                  | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2957   | 3/23/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                  | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 2958   | 3/23/49 | Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau   | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2959   | 3/23/49 | Philadelphia teletype to Bureau              | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2960   | 3/22/49 | New York teletype to Washington Field Office | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 2961   | 3/23/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                  | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2962   | 3/17/49 | Detroit report to Bureau                     | 4         | Yes            |                         |
| 2963   | 3/17/49 | Detroit report to Bureau                     | 6         | Yes            |                         |
| 2964   | 3/17/49 | Detroit letter to Bureau                     | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2965   | 3/23/49 | Washington Field Office report to Bureau     | 17        | Yes            |                         |
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| 2966   | 3/21/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau   | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2967   | 3/23/49 | Bureau letter to New York                  | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2968   | 3/23/49 | Baltimore letter to Bureau                 | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2969   | 3/23/49 | Richmond teletype to Bureau                | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2970   | 3/23/49 | Washington Field Office report to Bureau   | 17        | Yes            |                         |
| 2971   | 3/23/49 | New Haven report to Bureau                 | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 2972   | 3/23/49 | New York letter to a citizen               | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2973   | 3/22/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau   | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 2974   | 3/22/49 | Charlotte teletype to Bureau               | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2975   | 3/24/49 | Philadelphia teletype to Bureau            | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2976   | 3/24/49 | Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau | 2         | Yes            |                         |
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| 2977   | 3/24/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                  | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2978   | 3/24/49 | Washington Field Office teletype to New York | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2979   | 3/25/49 | New York Memo                                | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 2980   | 3/25/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                  | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2981   | 3/22/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau     | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2982   | 3/24/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau     | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2983   | 3/24/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau     | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2984   | 3/25/49 | Bureau teletype to New York                  | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2985   | 3/23/49 | Chicago letter to Bureau                     | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2986   | 3/25/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                  | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2987   | 3/25/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                  | 1         | Yes            |                         |
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| 2988   | 3/25/49 | New York teletype to Bureau          | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2989   | 3/25/49 | Los Angeles teletype to Bureau       | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2990   | 3/25/49 | Los Angeles teletype to Bureau       | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 2991   | 3/25/49 | New York Memo of ASAC Belmont        | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 2992   | 3/25/49 | Bureau teletype to New York          | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 2993   | 3/26/49 | Baltimore teletype to New York       | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 2994   | 3/25/49 | Los Angeles letter to Bureau         | 5         | Yes            |                         |
| 2995   | 3/25/49 | New York Memo                        | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 2996   | 3/25/49 | New Haven Report to Bureau           | 3         | Yes            |                         |
| 2997   | 3/25/49 | Washington Field Office Report       | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 2998   | 3/28/49 | New York letter to Bureau            | 1         | Yes            |                         |
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| 2999   | 3/22/49 | New York Memo                        | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3000   | 3/23/49 | San Francisco report to Bureau       | 7         | Yes            |                         |
| 3001   | 3/25/49 | Kansas City letter to Bureau         | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 3002   | 3/28/49 | New York letter to Bureau            | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3003   | 3/28/49 | San Diego teletype to New York       | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3004   | 3/28/49 | New Orleans teletype to New York     | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3005   | 3/28/49 | New York teletype to Bureau          | 4         | Yes            |                         |
| 3006   | 3/28/49 | Bureau teletype to New York          | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3007   | 3/29/49 | Denver teletype to Bureau            | 2         | Yes            |                         |
| 3008   | 3/25/49 | San Diego report to Bureau           | 4         | Yes            |                         |
| 3009   | 3/29/49 | San Diego letter to Bureau           | 2         | Yes            |                         |
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| 3010   | 3/29/49 | Newark teletype to Bureau                    | 1         | Yes            |                                      |
| 3011   | 3/29/49 | Los Angeles teletype to Bureau               | 1         | Yes            |                                      |
| 3012   | 3/30/49 | Portland teletype to New York                | 2         | No             | Released in full                     |
| 3013   | 3/28/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau     | 1         | Yes            |                                      |
| 3014   | 3/28/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau     | 1         | Yes            |                                      |
| 3015   | 3/28/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau     | 1         | Yes            |                                      |
| 3016   | 3/29/49 | New Haven report to Bureau                   | 4         | Yes            |                                      |
| 3017   | 3/29/49 | Washington Field Office teletype to New York | 2         | No             | Partial referral<br>State Department |
| 3018   | 3/25/49 | Washington Field Office report to Bureau     | 8         | Yes            |                                      |
| 3019   | 3/28/49 | Savannah report to Bureau                    | 2         | Yes            |                                      |
| 3020   | 3/30/49 | New York Memo                                | 3         | No             | Released in full                     |
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| 3021   | 3/30/49 | New York Memo of ASAC Belmont            | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3022   | 3/30/49 | New York Memo of ASAC Belmont            | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3023   | 3/30/49 | New York Memo of ASAC Belmont            | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3024   | 3/28/49 | New Orleans report to Bureau             | 3         | Yes            |                         |
| 3025   | 3/29/49 | Richmond teletype to Bureau              | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3026   | 3/29/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3027   | 3/29/49 | Washington Field Office letter to Bureau | 3         | Yes            |                         |
| 3028   | 3/30/49 | New York Memo of SA Spencer              | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3029   | 3/30/49 | New York Memo of SA Tuohy                | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3030   | 3/31/49 | New York teletype to Bureau              | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3031   | 3/29/49 | Bureau Invoice to New York               | 1         | Yes            |                         |
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| 3032   | 3/29/49 | New York letter to Bureau                    | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3033   | 3/29/49 | New York letter to Bureau                    | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3034   | 3/29/49 | Bureau letter to New York - Lab Report       | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3035   | 3/30/49 | New York letter to Bureau                    | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3036   | 3/30/49 | Washington Field Office letter to New York   | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3037   | 3/30/49 | New York Memo of SA Neagle                   | 3         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3038   | 3/29/49 | Bureau letter to New York                    | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3039   | 3/29/49 | Bureau letter to Washington Field Office     | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3040   | 3/30/49 | Boston letter to Bureau                      | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3041   | 3/31/49 | Washington Field Office teletype to New York | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3042   | 3/31/49 | New York Memo                                | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
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| 3043   | 3/31/49 | New York Memo of SA Spencer                          | 2         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3044   | 3/26/49 | Miami report to Bureau                               | 9         | Yes            |                         |
| 3045   | 3/31/49 | New York teletype to Bureau                          | 18        | Yes            |                         |
| 3045A  | 3/30/49 | New York Memo of ASAC Belmont                        | 2         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3046   | 3/31/49 | Bureau teletype to New York                          | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3047   |         | This serial transferred to Magrini<br>file 100-78582 |           |                |                         |
| 3048   | 3/30/49 | Washington Field Office teletype<br>to Bureau        | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3049   | 3/30/49 | Washington Field Office letter<br>to Bureau          | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3050   | 3/30/49 | Washington Field Office letter<br>to Bureau          | 1         | Yes            |                         |
| 3051   | 3/30/49 | Baltimore letter to Denver                           | 1         | No             | Released in full        |
| 3052   | 4/1/49  | New York teletype to Bureau                          | 4         | Yes            |                         |
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, N. Y.



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March 22, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAY

At 3:30 p.m. the writer telephonically contacted Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office in connection with the leads outstanding in the Washington Field to interview and report the results of the interview of Dr. NICHOLSON.

Mr. Delavigne advised that the interview had been conducted and the material forwarded to the New York Office, where it was expected to arrive on Wednesday, March 23, 1949. Mr. Delavigne also advised that the leads outstanding in the Washington Field to determine the individual competent to produce certain State Department documents had been covered, and that a report reflecting investigation would be received in the New York Office on March 23, 1949.

T. J. MCANDREWS,  
Special Agent

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*Handwritten signatures: L. J. Spillane, J. C. Kelly*





United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, N. Y.



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

March 23, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. Bernard Cook (A) dated 3-14-49 at Washington, D. C., in the above-entitled case. This report is concerned with an analysis of the deposits made to the checking account of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS maintained at the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C., during the period 1934 to date.

In this connection it was noted that numerous payments approximating \$100 per month were made from 1934 through 1936, drawn on either the National City Bank or the Bank of Manhattan Company. In addition, instant report sets out additional deposits approximating \$100 a month during the period May, 1936, to September, 1945, drawn on the National Bank of Norwalk, Norwalk, Connecticut, in addition to three deposits as follows:

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| October 17, 1940 | . . . | \$600.00 |
| October 6, 1941  | . . . | 605.00   |
| October 3, 1942  | . . . | 700.00   |

In view of the strong possibility that these checks represented monthly support payments or school expense payments made by FRANCIS THAYER HOBSON to PRISCILLA HISS on behalf of their son, TIMMY HOBSON, the writer communicated with FRANCIS THAYER HOBSON at the William Morrow Publishing Company. Mr. HOBSON stated that from 1934 to approximately 1936 he maintained checking accounts at the National City Bank and the Bank of Manhattan Company in New York City; that subsequent thereto he maintained a bank account at the National Bank of Norwalk at Norwalk, Connecticut. He related that upon his divorce from PRISCILLA a settlement was reached whereby he was to pay a certain sum, now forgotten, for the support of his son, TIMMY HOBSON; that by mutual agreement this sum was reduced from its original amount to \$100 a month some time in 1931 or 1932. He related that he made these payments of \$100 a month regularly to PRISCILLA HISS and that he also paid for TIMMY'S school tuition, besides the \$100 monthly payments. He stated further that these tuition payments mentioned above in the amounts of \$600, \$605, and \$700 were drawn on his account in Norwalk, Connecticut.

T. G. SPENCER,  
Special Agent

TGS:RAA  
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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, N. Y.  
March 23, 1949

LE'Ò:

Re: JAHJAB

On March 22, 1949 Mr. HORACE SCHMAHL, who was formerly employed as an investigator by the defense, telephonically contacted the writer and he advised that Mr. MC LEAN had contacted him that day by telephone and asked him to handle one more assignment in connection with the defense of HISS. SCHMAHL stated that MC LEAN wanted him to go to Baltimore and to contact the reporter employed by the Credit Agency who had received information from Mrs. CHAMBERS in Baltimore.

Mr. SCHWAHL stated that in connection with his investigation in this case he had previously obtained information that Mrs. CHAMBERS had used the name of another WHITTAKER CHAMBERS employed by the Treasury Department in connection with an application for credit. Mr. MC LEAN wanted SCHWAHL to follow up this investigation by interviewing the reporter to whom Mrs. CHAMBERS supposedly gave this information.

Mr. SCHMAHL stated that he wanted to be on record as advising the FBI of MC LEAN'S further contact with him. He stated that he was not sure whether he would take this assignment and that he did not tell MC LEAN that he would definitely make this investigation for him. The writer merely took down this information and made no comment to Mr. SCHMAHL as to whether he should or should not take this assignment. Mr. SCHMAHL then stated that he had been called before the Grand Jury investigating wire tapping in New York City as he again reiterated that he had for a long period of time had space in the office of Mr. BRODY, who is presently under investigation regarding wire tapping in the New York area. Mr. SCHMAHL stated that he had no longer any connections with Mr. BRODY.

He stated further that he would like to have the writer drop in and see him at his office, 62 William Street, any time at the writer's convenience. He stated that he had more information that he thought we may be interested in, but that it was not too important. The writer informed him that if he had any further information he was at liberty to drop into this office in the U.S. Court House and make this information available to us. Mr. SCHMAHL stated that he did not wish to make this information available over the telephone. He was not pressed to disclose anything concerning his relations with MC LEAN.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, N.Y.  
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SA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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NEW YORK, N. Y.  
MARCH 22, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (URGENT)  
JAHAY. REPORT OF SA BERNARD COOK MARCH FOURTEENTH LAST AT DC HAS BEEN  
RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE.

SCHEIDT

*Wick*

Approved: *Wick*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 704 P M

Per *JN*

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, N. Y.

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March 25, 1949

MEMORANDUM

Re: JAHAM

During a conference on captioned matter on March 24, 1949, with AUSA Thomas F. Murphy, at which were present SAAG Donegan, Special Agents T. G. Spencer and D. E. Shannon and the writer, Mr. Murphy remarked that a few days previously he had been informally told by James W. McInerney, now of the Tax Division, Department of Justice, that representatives of the defense in this case had manifested in Washington an interest in examining the files of the Justice Department and the State Department with respect to the "Amerasia" case. Mr. McInerney apparently furnished no further details to Mr. Murphy, and it is not known if a formal request has been made by the defense for inspection of such files, and if so what action may have been taken on such request.

Mr. Murphy also commented that this phase of the matter has been mentioned very briefly by himself to Mr. R. P. Whearty of the Criminal Division and that the latter has indicated to Murphy that the Justice Department on its own is conducting some sort of an examination of the Amerasia situation, apparently to determine whether or not the situation there is analogous to that in instant case with respect to the abstraction of official Government files and the transmittal thereof to unauthorized persons outside the Government.

The writer was unable to conclude from the sketchy information outlined above whether or not the interest manifested by the defense in the Amerasia case has become known to the Bureau.

J. M. KELLY,  
Special Agent

JMK:RAA  
65-14920

*Advise Bureau*  
*JK*

*Letter to Bureau,  
cc to FO, dictated  
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New York, New York

March 25, 1949

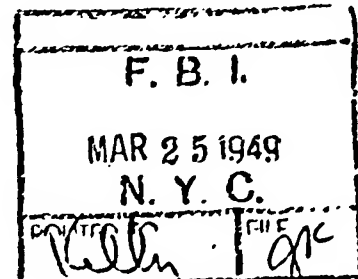
MEMO

RE: JAHAM

As a matter of information, Mr. T. J. Donegan advised on the morning of March 25, that the Department contemplates sending ISAAH MATLACK, who was acting United States Attorney in Newark, New Jersey and who is presently stationed in Newark doing anti-trust work, to New York City to assist Mr. Donegan in the handling of the Federal Grand Jury. This came about as a result of the Grand Jury advising Mr. Donegan that it did not wish to recess during the HISS trial as a result of which Mr. Donegan will need assistance.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

AHB:CTC  
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MR. CRAWFORD  
 MR. ELLIOTT  
 MR. LADD  
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March 25, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On March 25, 1949, Mr. T. J. Donegan furnished a copy of the reply brief filed by WILLIAM ROSEN, appellant. Photostatic copies were made, a copy of which is attached. One copy should be forwarded to the Bureau.

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March 22, 1949

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MEMORANDUM

Re: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS et al

Reference the writer's conversation with SA ROY BAELOGA on March 21, 1949.

For the information of the office, I have known Mrs. WILLIAM (ELIZABETH) PHILLIPS, 39 Oakland Avenue, Lynbrook, New York for about 4½ years. Mrs. PHILLIPS is in her middle sixties and is a retired social worker of the New York City Child Welfare Bureau. She retired about 6 years ago and since that time has operated an antique shop in Hempstead, New York. The shop is known as the Horse and Buggy Shop at 303 Main St., Hempstead, N.Y.

Mrs. PHILLIPS is a life-long friend of Whittaker Chambers, his mother, Mrs. LAHA CHAMBERS and knows considerable as to the details of the family background of the CHAMBERS family. She has advised that she will be willing to furnish the writer any information in her possession as to the background of the Chambers family that this Bureau might want. Mrs. PHILLIPS has already furnished some background information as to this family that the office was interested in. She has expressed the wish, if such can be done, that she not be mentioned in this investigation. Mrs. PHILLIPS has advised that she sees Mrs. CHAMBERS almost daily and she sees WHITTAKER CHAMBERS quite often when he stays at his mother's home in Lynbrook. Mrs. CHAMBERS worked with the N.Y. City Child Welfare Bureau when Mrs. Phillips was there, and when she retired, she operated an antique shop in the same building where Mrs. Phillips shop was formerly located. Now Mrs. CHAMBERS buys and sells antiques from her home in Lynbrook.

As of possible further interest to the office, the writer has met Mrs. CHAMBERS on several occasions through Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. CHAMBERS on one occasion expressed great admiration and respect for the FBI and further stated that her son felt the same way. Through Mrs. Phillips, the writer has also met Miss EDITH HALPEPENNY, who is now an officer in the Guarantee Trust Company of New York and who formerly was a high school teacher of Whittaker Chambers.

This information is being made known to the office as it is believed that Mrs. Phillips and Miss Halpenny both could furnish or verify background information on CHAMBERS. MAR 21 1949

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March 30, 1949

MEMO

Re: JAHAM

On March 30, 1949, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS related that he had been examined at the pre-trial examination in Baltimore on March 25, 1949, and that he was informed that this concluded the pre-trial deposition.

Among the questions asked on March 25th was whether CHAMBERS could recall any persons with whom he, together with ALGER HISS, were associated during HISS' alleged connection with CHAMBERS in espionage matters. MR. CHAMBERS related he recalled telling them that both knew JOHN SHERMAN, probably MAXIM LIEBER, and as an after-thought added the name of Colonel LAMB. In a previous interview MR. CHAMBERS related the following information concerning his knowledge of Colonel LAMB:

Colonel DEAN IVAN LAMB was, according to CHAMBERS, an international adventurer who supposedly at one time was connected with the Chinese Airforce and at still another time with the airforce of a Central American country, probably Nicaragua. Sometime in about 1935 BILL first mentioned this individual to CHAMBERS and thought of contacting LAMB to determine if any documents could be procured through him. CHAMBERS related he was at a loss as to how to approach LAMB, but knew that the latter was living somewhere in New York City. He then discussed the problem of approaching LAMB with ALGER HISS. The latter suggested that he be allowed to contact LAMB and this was done. For this purpose, ALGER HISS came to New York City and effected a meeting, probably in a hotel in New York City.

After the arrival of BORIS BYKOV in the apparatus scene, CHAMBERS discussed this episode with him. BYKOV expressed an eager desire to approach LAMB, but stated that ALGER HISS under no circumstances should be involved in this matter. It was decided to use LEE PRESSMAN for this second approach. A meeting between LAMB and PRESSMAN was arranged by CHAMBERS and both of these individuals met somewhere near 123rd or 124th Street and Riverside Drive. CHAMBERS was there at the time and upon seeing LAMB and PRESSMAN, talked to them for a short time, but immediately gave the impression that LAMB was not the type of person whom they should



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have in this business, and thereafter PRESSMAN and CHAMBERS left LAMB. After this meeting, CHAMBERS instructed PRESSMAN to have nothing further to do with LAMB, and so far as CHAMBERS recalls, he was not used by the apparatus. It was CHAMBERS' recollection, probably from news sources, that LAMB is now dead.

On March 25th while CHAMBERS was relating this story in Baltimore, he recalled that he was somewhat in error as to how LAMB was first brought into the picture. His present recollection is that LAMB had gone to the Nye Committee at the time when ALGER HISS was employed on this committee and apparently offered his services. It was also CHAMBERS' impression that NYE talked with HISS and the latter suggested to CHAMBERS that LAMB might be used as a source of information in the apparatus; that subsequently ALGER HISS came to New York City and met LAMB. MR. CHAMBERS stated he related the above mentioned Nye Committee angle at the deposition hearing, as well as the other circumstances surrounding BYKOV and PRESSMAN. CHAMBERS also stated that MR. McLEAN, ALGER HISS's attorney, was quite interested in this revelation.

It is to be noted that Colonel LAMB was actually located on March 29th and is presently being interviewed by Agents of this office.

Again referring to the pre-trial deposition, CHAMBERS stated that on March 25th, McLEAN requested an opportunity to observe the furniture which ALGER HISS was supposed to have given to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and which furniture is presently located at the CHAMBERS farm near Westminster, Maryland. As a result of a conference between McLEAN and the attorneys for CHAMBERS, it was decided to allow McLEAN to observe this material. Accompanied by MR. CLEVELAND and MR. McMILLAN, CHAMBERS and McLEAN went to the CHAMBERS farm, where McLEAN observed the following items:

- 1 - rug
- 2 - drop-leaf table
- 3 - wing chair
- 4 - baby rocker
- 5 - chest of drawers (TIMMY HOBSON's)
- 6 - child's table and chair (TIMMY HOBSON's)
- 7 - two books on child care

At this time MR. CHAMBERS also exhibited to McLEAN two bird books which had been given to CHAMBERS by ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. One of these books was entitled "Birds of New England" which was published by

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the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and "What Bird Is That?". MR. CHAMBERS related that in connection with the above mentioned books, no identifying marks were contained therein indicating that these previously belonged to ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, and that these books had been previously in the hands of the Committee on Un-American Activities and were thereafter returned to CHAMBERS through the latter's lawyer, MR. CLEVELAND. At MR. CLEVELAND's suggestion, McLEAN took these two books with him.

CHAMBERS also related that during the examination of the above items of furniture, MR. McLEAN took careful measurements and descriptions of all-items.

During the examination in Baltimore, CHAMBERS was asked by MR. McLEAN whether he had ever used the names ~~CELLINI~~ or ~~BENNETT~~ CHAMBERS related that he advised McLEAN he had never, insofar as he could remember, used these names. McLEAN also asked him if he had used the name of ~~ROBERT~~ or ~~ROBERTS~~ and MR. CHAMBERS answered that he could not definitely state as to this, in view of the fact that he had been quite often referred to as "BOB".

McLEAN also inquired as to whether CHAMBERS had ever participated in wrestling matches at Columbia University and whether he had participated in this sport after leaving college. CHAMBERS related that he informed Mr. McLEAN he had been a member of the wrestling team at Columbia and that thereafter he had worked out and did some wrestling in Baltimore and at the Brooklyn YMCA. McLEAN did not press CHAMBERS for any dates in this connection, and CHAMBERS did not supply any. He did relate, however, that he has not wrestled for many, many years.

McLEAN also asked whether CHAMBERS had mentioned the name of ~~WADLEIGH~~ to ~~ADOLPH BERLE~~ when CHAMBERS saw BERLE in September 1939. MR. CHAMBERS on March 25th stated to McLEAN that he did not recall giving this name to BERLE. After the hearing was over, however, he realized that he actually had given ~~WADLEIGH~~'s name to BERLE in September 1939, and the record will probably show that he made a mistake in this connection.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA



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At 8:45 pm on March 29, I called Night Supervisor Milne at the Bureau to advise him that I had been talking to Mr. T. J. Donegan who stated that the Grand Jury had been in executive conference on March 29 and had indicated to him that they want NIXON, MUNDT, STRIPLOING, MANDEL and ALEXANDER CAMPBELL to appear before them in the immediate future. Their purpose in making this request is not known to Mr. Donegan. However, it is possible that they are contemplating some sort of legislative action that will force witnesses to talk before the Grand Jury.

In addition, Mr. Donegan advised that he had received a copy of a letter from Mr. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL to the head of the HCUA, suggesting that Congressmen NIXON and VELDE (the latter a former Bureau agent) appear before the Grand Jury in New York, as they have been expressing opinions that the handling of the ADAMS case was inadequate. Mr. Donegan advised that possibly the Grand Jury may request the appearance of these two individuals.

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On the afternoon of March 29, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher, Bureau that during an interview with CHAMBERS, he had mentioned that his one-time Russian superior, BILL, had mentioned that one Colonel DEAN IVAN LAMB had been mixed into the espionage picture about 1935. CHAMBERS thought LAMB was dead but we have located him on March 29 and have partially interviewed him. The interview was not completed because LAMB terminated it in view of business appointments. It will be resumed on March 30. Mr. Fletcher was advised that LAMB was assuming a position of importance in this case because he claims he was approached in 1934 by ALGER HISS and performed espionage work for HISS. I advised Mr. Fletcher that we did not want the Bureau to place too much credence in this until we have a chance to go into it in detail with LAMB inasmuch as there is indication that LAMB may not be reliable. I requested that the Bureau check the indices on LAMB and furnish us with any information concerning him so that we could use it in the interview with him on March 30.

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MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the evening of March 29, Mr. T. J. Donegan inquired whether we had interviewed JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN in California. I advised him that we had not; that, as a matter of fact, recent developments resulting from our inquiries on MANGRANI had reflected the possibility that MANGRANI, SHERMAN and FALKOFF may be currently active. Consequently, we are continuing investigation before any attempt is made to interview them. Mr. Donegan agreed that this was a desirable procedure. He then inquired whether we had finished interviewing KEITH in Los Angeles inasmuch as the Grand Jury contemplates subpoenaing him to appear back here in New York. I advised that I did not know whether the Los Angeles office had completed its interview with KEITH, but that we would check on this and let him know. Mr. Donegan explained that the Grand Jury here is following the procedure of issuing the subpoena for anyone who has been cooperative and furnished information regardless of the location of the individual, in order that the information can be put on record. He advised that in view of the fact that KEITH has furnished information, the Grand Jury will subpoena him for appearance back here as soon as the FBI has finished interviewing him.

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On March 30, 1949, during the interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, he advised that he had recently had a conversation with BERT ANDREWS of the Washington Bureau of the New York "Herald Tribune". Mr. ANDREWS related to CHAMBERS that the HISS lawyers or investigators had obtained a copy of the book "The Scorpion" and would probably attempt to use this book in the trial of instant case. According to Mr. CHAMBERS, he translated this book from the German for a publisher by the name of GREENBERG who had an office on Fifth Avenue, somewhere in the 20's; that this translation was made probably sometime between 1930 and 1932.

Mr. CHAMBERS related that the book deals with lesbians, but that the subject matter was very delicately handled, and his present recollection is that there were no obscene or objectionable passages in this book. He further related that the book was not well received. This translation was under the name of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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RE: JAHAM

At 11:50 am on March 30, in the absence of Mr. H. B. Fletcher, I advised Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau that Tom Murphy, Chief of the Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, who is handling the trial of ALGER HISS, has been negotiating with the attorneys for the defense who have requested that certain documents (those previously examined by an expert in New York City last week) be turned over to the defense for an examination by \_\_\_\_\_ FEARON, a Pittsburgh document expert; that FEARON, whose name has been mentioned in this case as a possible defense witness in Chicago letter to the Bureau dated January 31, 1949, claims that he has a vast amount of material and equipment which he utilizes in these examinations and which are necessary for him to use in instant examination; that therefore it would be impossible for him to make the examination in New York. I advised Mr. Laughlin that Mr. Murphy, in granting the defense's request, has also requested that a Bureau agent accompany the documents to Pittsburgh, to remain with them there until the examination is over, at which time he will return them to New York City. I informed him that the documents to be turned over consist of Q1 through Q69, K32, K35, K40 and Grand Jury exhibits #47 and #48.

I requested Mr. Laughlin to advise us if the Bureau had any objections to our having this matter handled as requested by Mr. Murphy. He said he would call me back.

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March 30, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAHAM

ReBulet dated January 19, 1949. Instructions were set out that all individuals mentioned in an anonymous letter, later determined to have been written by KATHERINE WILLS PERLO, were to be interviewed in order to further develop the instant evidence.

Among the names appearing on the above mentioned letter was one MARY BELL GOR'AN, also known as MARY K. GOR'AN, MARY K. BELL, Mrs. FRANCIS J. GOR'AN, EARLINE POWDER, Mrs. GOR'AN resides at 2015 Créscent Street, Apartment 1-B, Astoria, New York. She is the daughter of Dr. SPURGEON BELL, formerly of the University of Texas and Brookings Institute, and now believed employed by the I.C.C. in Washington, D. C. Mrs. GOR'AN is employed in the Department of Public Information, American Red Cross, 315 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

The indices of this office reflect that in a signed statement dated April 14, 1948, Mrs. GOR'AN is described as a former Government employee who joined the Communist Party about the same time she became acquainted with President FRANCIS J. GOR'AN of the United Textile Workers Union (AFL) in 1935. She married GOR'AN in 1936 or 1937, immediately after he obtained a divorce from his former wife.

During 1935 the Communist party was working feverishly to get a Labor Party movement under way in the United States. However, they had no one in any leading position in the AFL who could get the floor to speak on the issue, or introduce resolutions which would get out of committees at the 1935 AFL Convention at Atlantic City.

JACK STACHEL and several assistants were in Atlantic City, trying to make the best of the situation and at least make a showing for the Kremlin's benefit. They got the surprise of their lives when FRANCIS J. GOR'AN, then Vice-President of the UTW, made a sensational speech for a Labor Party and

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introduced a resolution which got over one hundred votes. STACHEL remembered having tossed aside, a week or so previously, copies of a speech and resolution exactly like those made by GORMAN (previously regarded by the party as a reactionary). He rushed back to New York and looked them up. MARY K. BELL had written the national office of the party that GORMAN was going to make the speech and deliver the resolution (which she had written), and enclosed copies. STACHEL did not take it seriously.

During the next year or two, PAUL CROUCH, the individual who furnished the signed statement, saw much of MARY and of FRANCIS GORMAN; sometimes staying at GORMAN'S hotel, sometimes as a guest of MARY'S father, on frequent trips to Washington for discussions of textile problems. GORMAN once came to Greensboro, North Carolina, to discuss details of textile drive with CROUCH'S wife who was then working in a textile mill and active in UFW. MARY GORMAN would come down to North Carolina to attend meetings of the Communist Party State Committee when textile matters were taken up.

MARY GORMAN was described as a genius on organizational matters and details of strategy. A hard worker and full of energy, she did most of the detailed work of GORMAN'S office. He often followed her advice on major questions.

When HILLMAN offered a large amount of money from Amalgamated funds for a drive in textile on conditions that he should have a controlling hand in it, the party insisted that GORMAN accept and sign the terms. It was a mistake for GORMAN and for the party. STACHEL thought they were just sacrificing GORMAN, but HILLMAN kicked the party as well as GORMAN out of the drive. Later, GORMAN went back to the AFL, and helped reorganize the UFW. It is believed that he now has some job working for the State of New Jersey.

MARY GORMAN became editor of the official paper of the Workers Alliance. She has not been heard from since 1938, and it is not known whether or not she is still in the party.

Upon reinterview, informant CROUCH stated that the only other information he could recall concerning MARY BELL GORMAN not contained in his signed statement, is that Mrs. GORMAN would occasionally be invited to the White House affairs, and that she would furnish detailed reports of information gathered there to JACK STACHEL. Mrs. GORMAN also told CROUCH that her club in the Communist Party included several State Department employees.

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It is to be noted that FRANCIS J. GORMAN has been affiliated with six Communist Front Organizations and at one time was placed on the Key Figure List in the New York Office. Further references reflect that GORMAN has been described as a Communist leader, and is known to be an extremely radical labor leader.

An attempt was made on March 24, 1949, by the writer, to secure an appointment with Mrs. GORMAN, at which time she appeared very cooperative and agreed to come to this office on March 28, 1949.

On March 28, 1949, ARMEN D. ANDERSON, Attorney, 150 Broadway, Telephone Number Barclay 7-2163, contacted the writer and inquired about the nature of the interview with his client, Mrs. GORMAN. When informed that it was believed Mrs. GORMAN possessed some information which would aid in an investigation involving internal security, ANDERSON asked the writer to be more specific. He was advised that due to the nature of the inquiry, that was all the information the writer could disclose. ANDERSON stated that under those circumstances, he would not submit his client to an interview for any such "fishing expedition".

On March 14, 1949, this office was in receipt of an anonymous communication signed "A Grey Lady". This communication set out the information that Mrs. GORMAN was employed by the American Red Cross, and should be watched by the FBI for her Communist activities.

It is suggested that contact should be made with Mrs. GORMAN'S superiors at the American Red Cross in an effort to ascertain if she is active in any Communist activity to their knowledge.

JAMES T. NEAGLE, SA (A)



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United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

March 31, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the afternoon of March 31, 1949, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the New York Bureau stated that the Laboratory wants to know, as soon as it can be determined, the handwriting standards that the prosecution (the Government) plans to use in instant case, from the standpoint of proof and availability. Mr. Fletcher stated that we should ascertain what are the known standards for HISS so that the charts can be prepared.

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Re: JAHAM

On March 29, 1949, J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, accompanied by SA FRANK J. GALLANT and the writer, proceeded to Plymouth, Connecticut, to view the Hosford home which is located on the outskirts of Plymouth.

According to New Haven letter of March 2, 1949, the Hosford home was used as a tourist house in 1937 and according to SA JOHN C. CARR of the New Haven office, closely resembled the general make-up and locality of the tourist home described by CHAMBERS which the latter is alleged to have visited with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS in August of 1937. It is to be noted that the guest register for the Hosford home had previously been obtained and sent to the FBI Laboratory. The Laboratory, however, was unable to identify the handwriting of guests' signatures for the pertinent period as being identical with the handwriting of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Agent CARR was picked up in front of the Post Office at Thomaston at 1:30 PM, March 29th and all immediately proceeded to the Hosford home. Mr. CHAMBERS made a detailed survey of the inside of the home as well as the outside of this house and the approaches thereto. He stated conclusively that this was not the tourist home where he stayed in 1937 with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. The agents, together with CHAMBERS, thereafter proceeded to the general area in Thomaston bounded by Route 202, Park Avenue, the River and the Seth Thomas Clock Company which CHAMBERS has previously pointed out as being the most likely area in which instant tourist house was located. After observing several streets in this area he came to the conclusion that, to the best of his recollection, this general area most resembled the terrain and general make-up of the locality which he visited in 1937.

SA CARR advised that the New Haven Office had anticipated making a house to house survey in the above described area but prior to doing so wanted to definitely establish whether CHAMBERS could identify the Hosford house. Agent CARR related that in view of CHAMBERS' failure to identify the Hosford house that he understood the New Haven office would immediately start a house to house survey in an attempt to identify or eliminate this area as being the one in question.

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Agent CARR volunteered that the City of Thomaston has a daily newspaper named "Thomaston News". This is a four sheet edition and is "strictly a local news outlet." He speculated that it might be well to either place an advertisement or attempt to have the publishers of this paper write an editorial soliciting information as to the persons operating tourist homes and their location in and around Thomaston during the summer and fall of 1937. // 2?

Agent CARR was cautioned that it would be advisable to obtain Bureau approval prior to making any advance to the local newspaper. Agent CARR was informed that this suggestion would be brought to the attention of the New York office. //

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA





United States Department of Justice  
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RE: JAHAM

On the morning of March 30, 1949, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called and furnished the following background information relative to DEAN IVAN LAMB as obtained from Bureau files:

MID report dated January 28, 1943 reflected that LAMB at that time was a Major, assistant to the Intelligence Officer, AAF, Washington.

The adverse information from the investigation is as follows:

1. Claimed to have been employed by AIR ASSOCIATES. Was never employed.
2. Claimed employment with VIMALERT COMPANY. Not so employed.
3. Claimed association with MIRANDA BROS. Investigator could not locate MIRANDA BROS.
4. Subject was not at any time employed or associated with DE FIGUEROLLA concern.
5. Subject claimed to be President of the LAGRA COMPANY in 1938. This company never existed.
6. Subject borrowed money and never paid it back.
7. Subject was considered a flop in civilian life by one informant.
8. Another informant stated subject should not have confidential position because of his big mouth.
9. Informant stated that subject lied so much that he could not believe what subject said. Subject had poor reputation for paying his debts.
10. Another informant said he could not trust subject in any capacity. Subject would do anything to make a dollar.
11. Another informant said he did not believe subject should be commissioned in Army because he harbors idea of working for highest bidder.

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12. Subject shared office space at 2 West 45 Street, NY. One of the group of men at this space was FRITZ DUQUESNE, convicted <sup>Nazi</sup> spy.

Conclusion: Subject's loyalty to this country in time of war was regarded as unquestionable by the persons contacted. However, in time of peace he is a soldier of fortune, fighting for the side that pays him the most. Most people regard him as a crackpot but harmless.

Other information contained in the Bureau files is as follows:

Apparently in 1932 and 1934, he was interested in revolutions in Santo Domingo. He was a pilot. In 1940, investigation by the Bureau reflected that DUQUESNE used mailing address of 2 West 45 Street from 1934 to 1935. DUQUESNE had access to this address through EDWARD THORD-GRAY. THORD-GRAY was associated with several individuals at this address interested in inventing and designing airplanes.

In DUQUESNE's apartment, a confidential informant furnished an address book containing the notation "DEAN I. LAMB, 27 West 88 Street. Evenings Schuyler 4-9507." A man by the name of DEAN I. LAMB, believed to be identical, address 69 West 71 Street, was interviewed in 1935 by the United States Attorney in connection with the flight of four planes to South America. This case is entitled "CURTISS WRIGHT EXPORT CORPORATION, TAMPA, NEW ORLEANS, TAMPICO AIRLINE, INC., VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY ACT."

In the case entitled "JOHN SEMAR FARNSWORTH, ESPIONAGE", report of J. B. Swenson, New York, dated July 25, 1936, there is set forth in 12 pages the result of an investigation of LAMB by ONI. SA George J. Starr interviewed DEAN IVAN LAMB, 27 West 88 Street, NY, in 1937. LAMB said at that time he had been approached, offered \$2,500 a month to command an aviation squadron for the Loyalist forces. He said he did not get the job because it was determined he was anti-Communist. SA Starr stated he had been in contact with LAMB previously; considered him unreliable.

LAMB was arrested in NY, according to the "New York Daily Mirror", December 1, 1944 by the District Attorney's Office in connection with a jewelry con game, apparently. Someone had lost some jewelry. LAMB in some manner got hold of the jewelry and for safe keeping turned it over to a cousin. The latter's house burned down and the jewelry was lost.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JESSE F. FAHR dated 1/28/49 at Baltimore, Maryland in above captioned matter. On pages 53 through 57 of this report, it is reflected the results of a review of personal papers of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO secured from a barracks room occupied by him at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland. These papers have been reviewed by a representative of the Post Intelligence Office at Aberdeen Proving Ground and the results of his examination will be set forth in a subsequent report in this matter.

Inasmuch as the papers will be of no further assistance in the investigation of this case, the Denver Office is requested to contact FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO and ascertain from him what disposition he desires to have made of these papers.

The papers are at the present time maintained in a large wooden packing case in the Baltimore Office and due to their bulkiness, it will be appreciated if the Denver Office will immediately contact RENO to ascertain the desired disposition so that they may be removed from the bulky exhibit room of the Baltimore Office.

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